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House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rick Perry Governor PO Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428 The Honorable David Dewhurst Lieutenant Governor PO Box 12068 Austin, TX 78711-2068 The Honorable Tom Craddick Speaker of the House PO Box 2910 Austin, TX 78768-2910

Dear Governor Perry, Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst, and Speaker Craddick:

Texas has the potential to become a huge benefactor from the film industry and we urge your support. We understand the vitality of ensuring revenue for our state without imposing a tax burden on taxpayers. We urge you to take a serious look at the many positive economic impacts that can result from funding the Film Production Incentive, an untapped resource of revenue in our state. The lack of support to this initiative is costing the state half a billion dollars in economic activity and therefore cannot wait until 2007 to be re-visited.

It is a contract bidding war with hundreds of millions at stake and Texas is loosing its competitive edge by not offering competitive tax incentives to production studios to film in Texas. Texas is in the distinct position of benefiting from the revenue the film industry has the potential to produce. As Texas leaders, we should be cultivating all the possible avenues available to ensure job creation and positive economic activity in our state.

Once again we reiterate our support of funding the Film Production Incentive and request that we work together to secure great things for our state. We must encourage studios to film in Texas by offering creative tax incentives, states like Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, and many other states are utilizing to entice big money studios to film in their states.

Member of Congress

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Eddie Bernice Johnson

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